

**Senate File 2229 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3045)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the display of a county name on vehicle  
2 registration plates.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.166, subsection 2, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Every registration plate or pair of plates shall display  
4 a registration plate number which shall consist of alphabetical  
5 or numerical characters or a combination thereof and the name  
6 of this state, which may be abbreviated. ~~Every~~ A registration  
7 plate issued by the county treasurer ~~shall~~ may display the name  
8 of the county, including any plate issued pursuant to section  
9 321.34, except Pearl Harbor and purple heart registration  
10 plates issued prior to January 1, 1997, ~~registration plates~~  
11 ~~issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph~~  
12 ~~"d",~~ and collegiate, fire fighter, and medal of honor  
13 registration plates. Special truck registration plates shall  
14 display the word "special". The department may adopt rules to  
15 implement this subsection.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 Under current law, every vehicle registration plate issued  
20 by a county treasurer must display the name of the county,  
21 including any special registration plates issued pursuant to  
22 Code section 321.34, with limited exceptions.

23 This bill makes displaying the name of the county on such  
24 plates optional and strikes an outdated reference in Code  
25 section 321.166.

26 Under current law, it is unlawful for the owner of a vehicle  
27 to place any frame around or over the registration plate which  
28 does not permit full view of all numerals and letters printed  
29 on the registration plate, including the county name. A  
30 violation of this provision is a simple misdemeanor punishable  
31 by a scheduled fine of \$30.